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## **Double H Ranch is looking for Amateur Chefs to compete for a grand prize of \$15,000**

Chuckwagon Challenge - An Amateur Southwest Culinary Competition

LAKE LUZERNE, N.Y. — May 9, 2012 — Double H Ranch is pleased to announce that the 21st Annual Gala at Six Flags Great Escape on June 29, 2012 from 5:00 – 11:00PM will feature a one-of-a-kind Chuckwagon Challenge - an Amateur Southwest Culinary Competition. This year marks the Double H Ranch's 20<sup>th</sup> Year of Making Dreams a Reality for campers and their families. To honor this important milestone, the Double H is looking for the area's best amateur cooks to compete for a grand prize of \$15,000. 5 finalists will be paired with pre-selected mentor chefs, and will participate in a cook off at the Annual Gala. Gala attendees will serve as judges (people's choice award) and have an opportunity to sample the finalist's prepared recipes. Prizes will be announced at the Double H Ranch Annual Gala.

Interested applicants for the Chuckwagon Challenge must be amateur cooks and 18 years or older with an original southwestern appetizer recipe. Cooks must be able to submit a 3-5 minute video as well as prepare and serve 700 samplings of their appetizer at the Annual Gala. Entry deadline is May 21, 2012. Only online applications accepted. A \$100 entry fee is required for each submission, and will serve as a donation to the Double H Ranch.

Contestant prize money is sponsored by Marian and Norman Wolgin, and Amy's Ventures. A fund created in memory of Amy Wolgin Wiener to benefit children and families.

First place - Gold Star \$15,000  
Second place - Silver Star \$5,000  
Third place - Bronze Star \$3,000  
Fourth place - Deputy \$1,000  
Fifth place - Deputy \$1,000

Visit [www.doublehbranch.org](http://www.doublehbranch.org) to enter to win and for official rules and entry information.

The Double H Ranch Gala is the Ranch's largest annual fundraiser and is attended by over 700 guests. The exciting anniversary event will feature both silent and live auctions, a very special performance by Manhattan Transfer and the Chuckwagon Challenge. Following dinner, The Great Escape rides and games are open exclusively to guests of the Double H Ranch. Catering provided by Glens Sanders Mansion.

Tickets to the Gala are \$250 for an Honorary Committee Member, \$150 for adults, \$100 for adults 35 and younger, or \$40 for children. Register online to attend the Gala at [www.doublehbranch.org](http://www.doublehbranch.org). For more information, call 518-696-5921 ext. 228 or email [rdemattos@doublehbranch.org](mailto:rdemattos@doublehbranch.org).

The mission of the Double H Ranch is to provide specialized programs and year-round support for children and their families dealing with life-threatening illnesses. Our purpose is to enrich their lives and provide camp experiences that are memorable, exciting, fun, empowering, physically safe and medically sound. All programs are FREE of charge and capture the magic of the Adirondacks.